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In re Application of)
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For: FEED ASSISTANCE MEMBER AND A)
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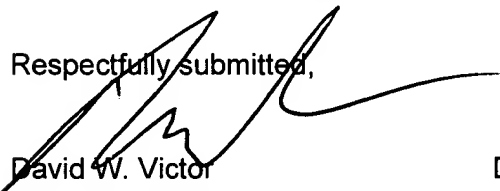
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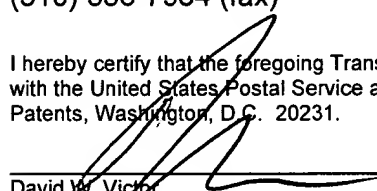
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